

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 16, 2007

Committee
Report No.

07-22

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on February 26, 2007, makes reference to the following:

1. County Communication No. 06-292, from the Council Chair, transmitting a report from the State Department of Accounting and General Services regarding certain State appropriations for capital improvement projects involving the County for the period ending September 30, 2006; and
2. County Communication No. 07-66, from the Council Chair, transmitting a report from the State Department of Accounting and General Services regarding certain State appropriations for capital improvement projects involving the County for the period ending December 31, 2006.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Director of Finance; the Director of Water Supply; the Economic Development Coordinator and an Economic Development Specialist from the Office of Economic Development, Office of the Mayor; the Special Events/Grants Coordinator, Department of Parks and Recreation; and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director of Finance stated that the report submitted by the State Comptroller is for projects that were funded by the State and administered through the County. He further stated that the County provides the service of procuring contracts and submitting the required forms to the State for payment, but does not receive or disburse any funds.

Your Committee discussed the Water Source Development project, the Molokai Slaughterhouse project, the Binhi At Ani Community Center project, and the Maui Arts and Cultural Center renovation project.

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The Director of Water Supply stated that Act 296 (1991) provided a grant of \$7,770,000 for Water Source Development. The Water Source Development project includes a well at Hamakuapoko and the construction of waterlines from the Hamakuapoko wells to the Paia water tank, and from the Paia water tank towards Spreckelsville.

The Economic Development Coordinator stated that the Molokai Slaughterhouse officially opened for business on February 1, 2006.

The Special Events/Grants Coordinator stated that the \$350,000 State grant was for improvements at the Binhi At Ani Community Center (Center) including a retaining wall and fencing. She further stated that the Board of Directors of Binhi At Ani has requested that the Department of Parks and Recreation amend the grant to allow for the addition of three conference rooms and an elevator.

The Economic Development Coordinator stated that the Maui Arts and Cultural Center Renovation grant has been disbursed by the County, and reimbursement from the State is pending.

The Director of Finance stated that he believes the disbursement for the Maui Arts and Cultural Center Renovation project is from a County grant that was appropriated in a prior fiscal year. He reiterated his previous comment that the County does not receive or disburse State grants, and the State makes payments directly to the contractors.

The Director of Finance said he will verify whether the disbursement for the Maui Arts and Cultural Center Renovation project is from a State or County grant.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communications.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That County Communication No. 06-292 be FILED; and
2. That County Communication No. 07-66 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

